

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 21, line 6, and ending at page 21, line 24, with the following.

[0069] The manner of placing films on the document glass plate and the operation control screen have been described above. When two transparent films are scanned, the motion of the carriage is controlled in a similar manner as when the reflective documents of the first embodiment were scanned. In particular, the motion depends on the relative positions of selected frames, some of which may overlap in the sub-scanning direction. The motion will be described below with reference to the flow chart shown in Fig. [[12]] 11. Also in this embodiment, the motion of the carriage is selectively controlled in such a manner that the carriage is returned to its home position each time one frame is scanned, or in such a manner that the carriage is moved backward by a distance needed to accelerate the carriage to the scanning speed, or in such a manner that the carriage is moved to a next scanning position without being moved backward, whereby it is possible to scan a plurality of frames in an efficient manner.